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Eagle Point Historical Society

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President's Message

Election Results

Recently, all active members of the Eagle Point Historical Society had a chance to vote for this year's members of the board. Here are the results of the voting:

Dennis Godfrey and Suzi Collins were both re-elected to three year terms.

There was one other position available and voters could write-in a nominee. In a close three way tie Everett Jennings, Nancy Leonard and Olive Lansburgh were nominated.

At press time all three had been notified of their write-in nominations and the Historical Society is awaiting their responses.

We can say with a great deal of confidence that we will not have a "hanging chad" election.

Ralph McKechnie, President.

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Hours of Operation

Open: Saturdays
11 AM to 3 PM
Every third Thursday and
Friday 11AM—3 PM

Officers

President
Ralph McKechnie

Vice President
Helen Wolgamott

Treasurer
Bill Bradshaw

Secretary
Margaret Webster

Board Member at Large
Suzi Collins
Dennis Godfrey

Membership
Margaret Webster

Wood House Coordinators
Skip & Charlotte Greear

Grounds Coordinator
Helen Wolgamott

Office Manager
Ken Thompson

Docents Coordinator
Sally Corriveau

Wood House Update

Hi Folks;

We have had a lot of events at the Wood House since April. So far the events have included an antique tractor show, an art show, an antique military vehicle show, an antique clock show, three photography shows, a street rod/motorcycle show and a huge wine tasting show. Coming to the Wood House in September will be a large two-day Civil War Reenactment.

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Meetings

The Historical Society meets the third Monday of each month at 7 PM at the Eagle Point Museum. All meetings are always open to the public and to Historical Society members. Come on down and meet your board members.

Dues (waived for current members)
Single Family Member $10.00
Multiple family same household $15.00
Lifetime member $100.00

Souvenirs Here

If you haven't been by the museum in awhile you should swing by and check out the various items we have that make great souvenirs.

We have created four excellent magnets with pictures of the Museum, The Avenue of Flags and the Wood House. All magnets are only $1.00. There is a new book *Eagle Point, Oregon* by Everett Jennings available. We also have T-shirts and sweat shirts with the Museum logo on them. Everything soon to become collector items.

Gift Receipts available.

(Wood House Cont.)

The wine tasting show held on Saturday, June 14th broke all previous records for attendance for a single day event held at the Wood House. Four hundred people attended and also the hot air balloon was a major attraction. The wineries on site included Crater Lake Cellars, Del Rio Vineyards and Agate Ridge Vineyard. Also included in the group were Butte Creek Mill, Rogue Creamery and Rising Sun Farms.

As an extra added attraction, three photographers and one artist set up their wares for display, both in the house and in the front yard. For each bottle of wine sold during the event the Wood House received a one dollar donation. The revenue received from the donations was a major success as well!

Skip & Charlotte

Recipes

Recently I was talking to a visitor to the museum and the conversation eventually led to cooking and how our parents prepared a certain dish. This got me to thinking that in this hectic time few young people learn to cook and fewer are learning the recipes used by their parents and grandparents. Those meals you think of with fond and warm memories that your mother or grandmother made for you as a child.

We, as a generation, are losing that part of history. What I am hoping to do is preserve that history. What I am asking of you, our faithful followers of history, is to send us your favorite recipe along with a short memory of this meal.

Each new newsletter then could have one recipe posted with maybe a little history.

Keep the home fires burning.

Ken Thompson

Office Update

Membership Dues:

As all of you know by now, the City of Eagle Point will be taking over the operation of the museum very soon. No decisions have been made from the city in regards to membership after their takeover and the Historical Society certainly DOES NOT want to speculate.

The Board of Directors for the Historical Society voted during their March 17th monthly meeting to temporarily waive membership fees for 2008 for **existing members** . This decision is subject to change in the event the takeover, for whatever reason does not take place. You may still make **tax deductible** contributions to the Historical Society in any amount for those of you wish to do so.

If you have any questions, please contact the Eagle Point Museum at 826-4166.

Memories

On page 5 of this issue Margaret (Maggie) Webster shares her memories of why she came to Eagle Point.

I am hoping to capture those kind of memories from all of our readership in order that generations to come can appreciate what brought you here. The trials, tribulations, reasons for ending up in the Eagle Point area.

Send us your letter and help us share with others.

Ken

Eagle Point Historical Society Evolving

As the Eagle Point Historical Society moves forward in the process of turning over the assets, operation and on-going maintenance of the Eagle Point Museum, discussions have raised the idea of what role, if any, will the historical society have in the future. I would like the society to continue in some form.

Many cities have historical societies that are not connected to a particular museum or other assets but serve their communities in a more general way. The City of Eagle Point's support and commitment to the museum assures it will be around for future generations. This support is especially important in light of the failure of congress to support the timber payments bill.

I envision a new role for the historical society moving into the future. It would certainly be supportive of the activities and function of the museum. However, this new arrangement would "free-up" the society to focus it's attention on other worthy projects such as research, and documentation of local historic sites, cataloging and marking historic homes and buildings, advocating for historic preservation, and promoting local history through community activities such as the Vintage Faire.

The future "face" of the Eagle Point Historical Society could take many forms, or not exist at all. Your presence at future society meetings, where you can express your ideas and suggestions during this time of transition, are welcome.

Dennis Godfrey
Board Member

Our Heritage Matters

Excerpt from the Our Heritage PAC Economic Feasibility Statement of 3/18/2008

"Jackson County was formed by the Oregon Territorial Government in 1852, seven years before statehood. Its history of human occupation goes back thousands of years, and the geological history reaches back almost 400 million years. The proposed district includes all Jackson County except the city of Shady Cove. Nearly 70 percent of Jackson County residents live in the 10 incorporated cities within the proposed district.

The Rogue Valley Heritage District will support programs of heritage societies with the district on behalf of all district residents. It will operate and maintain heritage sites and structures and acquire and preserve historical objects and materials. It will be established under Chapter 562, Oregon Laws 207 (Enrolled House Bill 3528). If the petition drive is successful, the formation election will include a vote to approve a permanent tax rate limit of no more than $0.07 per $1,000 of assessed value."

Many of you have already received a petition in the mail to help in gathering signatures. The Eagle Point Historical Society has already voted to support the drive. If you believe in maintaining Southern Oregon heritage we ask you for you help in obtaining signatures.

If you have any questions please contact the Our Heritage PAC, 2 North Oakdale, Medford, OR 97501; (541) 773-3606 email rbt@ourheritagepac.org

NOTE: Camp White withdrew 13 March as the petitions arrived by mail.

Suzi Says

WOW - can you believe that we've already gone through half of this year?

The 4th of July Parade will strut their stuff right past our Museum during the celebration of our 232 years of independence. We hope you will be there to enjoy the festivities.

Saturdays you will find the Museum open so that after you've run your errands or gone to the Butte Creek Mill or Saturday Market, please stop by and see what spectacular items are on display for your enjoyment. We have t-shirts, key chains, magnets and post cards available for purchase.

Please have a safe and enjoyable summer

Suzi Collins

Why I came to Eagle Point

By Margaret (Maggie) Webster

Recently I was blessed to spend a little time at the museum talking with Maggie Webster. Knowing she came from Scotland to America, I asked her why here. Here is her response:

WHY I MOVED TO EAGLE POINT

It is many years since I packed up and moved to Southern California from England. My two children and I flew from Heathrow, London to Los Angeles on the very first plane to fly over the pole. Pan Am was the airline and we had to stop in Winnipeg, Canada to refuel.

My husband worked in the aerospace business and in 1962 there were many opportunities in that area. Southern California was a great place in the sixties, but so different from the east coast of Scotland where I was born and spent my growing up years.

Over the years I visited the Rogue Valley area and each time I explored Eagle Point I liked it more and more. I retired from teaching in 1995 and moved to Eagle Point and have never regretted it since. This small town has so much to offer – the covered bridge, the museum packed with memorabilia, the Butte Mill, the various parks and really friendly folk.

I am 80 years old now and at times it seems like only yesterday when my family and I left England and flew to new adventures.

Maggie Webster

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